GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Jowar under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2024-25- Nominating A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 211 Dated: 23-04-2025

Read the following:

1.G.O.Ms.No.27, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, Dated:09-01-2020.
2.G.O.Rt.No.307, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, Dated:14-04-2020.
3. MSP for Kharif crops for RMS 2024-25 declared by GoI, letter, Dated:22-01-2025.
4.Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur ,Lr.No.AGC02-25029/1/2025-M and E SEC-AGRHOD, Dated:30-01-2025.
5.Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada, e file Comp.No. 2722205.

ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st & 2ndread above, the guidelines for Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of Coarse grains were issued and appointed the A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government of India has declared the MSP for Jowar as Rs.3371/- per Qtl for Rabi-2024-25.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that jowar has been cultivated over 69,763 hectares, with an expected production of 2,77,080 MTs in Andhra Pradesh. The forecasted market price for Jowar is expected to remain below the MSP of ₹3,371 per quintal, necessitating Government intervention through procurement to support farmers and prevent distress sales. Further proposed to procure 25% of the total production, amounting to 69,270 MTs of Jowar under MSP.

4. The Managing Director, AP Markfed has requested the Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency for procurement of Jowar on MSP and to allocate ₹280 crores from the Price Stabilization Fund of the State Government for procurement of 25% of the total production, amounting to 69,270 MTs of Jowar under MSP.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal hereby nominate the AP Markfed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of Jowar during Rabi 2024-25, initially authorized for procurement of 10% (Rs.112 cr) of estimated production quantity of Jowar and release an amount of Rs.40 crore as loan to initiate the procurement for the same. Further, advised to refund the cost after accounting for the losses made, after the entire procurement is done, with the following modalities:-

1. The procurement period will be from 20-04-2024 to 20-06-2025.

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2. The procurement centers at RSK level will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

3. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2024-25.

4. To take the necessary steps to directly procure from farmers whose harvests have not been acquired by the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

5. The procurement centers are to be opened at RSK level.

6. The Government has also decided to involve good working District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO's, Village Organizations for the procurement activities.

7. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the A.P.Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

8. The A.P.Markfed is initially authorized for procurement of 10% (Rs.112 cr) of estimated production quantity of Jowar and release an amount of Rs.40 crore as loan to initiate the procurement for the same.

9. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RBK & R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA; PD, DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, A.P.Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Jowar. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/ gunnies/ unloading rates etc., for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

10. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Jowar MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/ AWSL/ NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Jowar. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/ CWC shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgment/ ware house receipts.

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12. The farmers payments should be done by Aadhar based online payments done through CM APP.

13. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Godown charges, packing material, unloading/loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges, etc.

14. Commission @2.5% on the procurement of Jowar will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

15. After completion of the Jowar procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Jowar stocks.

16. The A.P.Markfed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Jowar stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

17. After disposal of the stocks, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor.Further, advised to refund the cost after accounting for the losses made, after the entire procurement is done

6. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, and shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Fin (FMU. A &C, AH DD &F, CS) Dept. vide their U.O.No:FIN01-FMU0PC(AC)/10/2025-FMU-AC-CS-AH, (C. No.:2761945), Dt:07.04.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers through Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
PS to Hon'ble Minister for Agri. & Coop.
PS to Secy. to Govt. (AM&C), Agri. & Coop. Department.
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SECTION OFFICER